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The N.C. Missions Offering (State Missions Offering) Special Emphasis and Week of Prayer is September 11–18. A special 8-page insert on the offering is included in this issue of MEN ON MISSION. Additional promotional materials will be mailed to churches around the end of July.

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On The Cover

Dr. Ernie Stines,Canton examines a patient in India. N.C. Baptist Men is sponsoring a medical/dental team to Northern India this summer.

Medical/dental missions is made possible through the N.C. Missions Offering.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

No Higher Compliment Ever Made

RICHARD BRUNSON, NCBM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A number of years ago, several churches in the Charlotte area sponsored a mass Habitat for Humanity project. During one week, 14 Habitat homes were built by hundreds of Christian volunteers in this one very needy Charlotte community. Millard Fuller, the founder and director of Habitat, and former President Jimmy Carter spent the week building one house.

Recently, Millard Fuller was back in Charlotte to speak at a church. After speaking, Millard asked one of the church members to take him back to see that Habitat development. Millard said that he was moved to tears when he drove through that community that had been changed from a drug infested area where people had lived in shacks to an area where people were proud to live and thankful to be able to raise their children.

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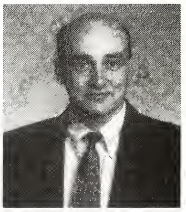
Millard asked the driver of the car to take him by the house that he and Jimmy Carter had worked on. As the car slowed down in front of the house that Jimmy Carter had helped to build, Millard saw a boy playing in the front yard. As the car they were riding in came to a stop, the boy ran to Millard's car and said, "That sure is a nice car you have." Millard responded to the boy, "That sure is a nice house that you have. Who built that house?" Millard expected the boy to say that President Jimmy Carter built his house. Instead, the boy excitedly said, "Jesus built our house!"



No higher compliment could be be made for anything that we do than for people to say, "Jesus did this!"

Richard Brunson

The Final Exam

MAURICE COOK, NCBM PRESIDENT

As a faculty member at North Carolina State University for more than 30 years, I spent a considerable amount of time in the classroom and counseling with students. One of the things in a course that students seemed to dread the most was the "final exam," especially when that examination constituted a significant percentage of the final grade. Students often asked me, even begged me, to exempt them from the final exam. You can imagine, perhaps even remember from your own experience, the kinds of excuses that they offered. When their pleas fell on deaf ears, then came the inevitable questions: What is going to be on the final exam? Would I have a review session to help them prepare for the exam? Of course, I would try to be helpful in various ways without revealing the specific questions—or the answers.

Among the many titles that Jesus carried so gracefully when He walked this earth was that of Teacher (John 3:2). Indeed, He is the Master Teacher and anyone who aspires to be a teacher would do well to emulate His qualities. He is a straightforward presenter, a patient listener, a demanding mentor, and an incisive questioner. Yes, He asked hard questions and He was constantly giving examinations, usually the 'take-home' kind that require self-analysis, humility, and discipline.

Furthermore, Jesus apparently thinks that a final exam is important. He has prepared one for us. But He is far more generous than any teacher I know. He not only gives us the questions in advance, He tells us the correct answers! Here is the exam: (Matt. 25:31–46)

I am delighted that our organization addresses specific human needs in many positive ways.

Question: What should I do when my brother(sister) is:

Answer:

a. hungry? — feed him/her
b. thirsty? — refresh him/her
c. estranged? — welcome him/her
d. naked? — clothe him/her
e. sick? — attend him/her
f. imprisoned? — visit him/her

How are we as North Carolina Baptist Men doing with the exam? I am delighted that our organization addresses specific human needs in many positive ways. Our track record speaks for itself and I am proud of our people for all that they do. But I am concerned that such a small number of Baptist men in North Carolina are involved in our ministries. Our 13 ministries touch people across the broad spectrum of physical, social, and spiritual needs. However, with our limited human and fiscal resources, we are only scratching the surface in terms of the massive needs that exist locally, nationally, and internationally.

Perhaps you are searching for the appropriate ministry or two for expression of your giftedness. We can help. Perhaps you see the need to establish or strengthen the Baptist Men's group in your church. Give us a call. All of us want to pass that final exam with flying colors. We want to be with the sheep, not the goats, on that final exam day and hear the Great Teacher say: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me; . . .enter into life eternal."

(Matt. 25:40,46)

N.C. Baptist Men To Coordinate Prague Seminary Building Renovation Project

North Carolina Baptist Men has been asked by the International Baptist Theological Seminary to serve as the stateside coordinator for the building and renovation of the seminary facilities in its relocation from Rushlikon, Switzerland to Prague, Czech Republic.

The European Baptist Federation, the organization of national Baptist groups in Europe and owners of the International Seminary, is in the process of selling the Swiss property and moving to a site in northwest Prague.

The new campus consists of 22 buildings originally built to serve as a retirement home for invalid officers of the Czech army. Many of the buildings are usable for the future seminary, while others must be demolished.

Current plans call for the development of classrooms, administrative offices, a library, worship center and student apartments.

The Baptist Men's office in Cary will serve as coordinator for all volunteer construction workers throughout the United States, including workers from several other SBC state conventions.

International Baptist Theological Seminary will procure a contractor to serve as the on-site project supervisor in Prague for at least a two-year period. NCBM will recruit volunteers to help supervise the individual work teams under the direction of the overall supervisor.

N.C. Baptist Men will provide a stateside project coordinator to recruit the volunteers from throughout the United States, arrange travel plans and direct other relevant activities. There have already been inquiries about the Prague project, including interested work teams from North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Texas, and Arkansas.

Volunteers will also be needed to help develop a computer infrastructure at the new location. Other volunteer needs include landscape architects and specialists in security planning for the school property and buildings.

The move to Prague comes at a most historic time in the ongoing development of the Christian Church throughout Europe. The Czech Republic's capital city has historically been the bridge between Eastern and Western Europe. Prague has been selected to become the new home of Voice of America. There are two Baptist churches in Prague today. There were 30 Baptist churches in Prague before communism.

There are 24 Baptist churches and 50 preaching stations in the Czech Republic, served by 24 ministers (only six have any theological training). There are over 3,000 parachurch groups in Eastern Europe. Theological education is one of the greatest needs of the developing Christian communities, especially in the newly-opened areas of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The International Baptist Theological Seminary, located in Rushlikon, Switzerland since 1949, has trained over 1,200 graduates now serving in 60 countries around the world. The seminary also promoted the first European-wide conference on evangelism (1958), conducted the first European Baptist Conference on Church and State (1963), and sponsored the first world-wide pastoral care and counseling conference (1975).

The seminary's move to Prague in Eastern Europe offers an even more promising opportunity for evangelism as Baptists move into once-closed areas to proclaim the Good News found in Jesus Christ.

Church Brotherhood Leadership Conference Set

A conference to equip men and women who want to lead other men, young men and boys in church and associational mission study and projects will be held at the Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12–13, beginning with registration and dinner at 5:30 p.m..

The Church Brotherhood Leadership conference will feature 5-hour training sessions for Lad and Crusader counselors (basic and advanced), leaders in the new Challengers program (boys in grades 7–12), and church and associational Baptist Men/Brotherhood directors.

Jim Warren and Doug Beggs, SBC Brotherhood Commission, will lead in the weekend sessions.

Cost is only $35 per person (double occupancy room and three meals). Registration deadline is July 22.

For more information or to register, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Training Workshop To Be Held In Western N.C.

A one-day workshop in Western N.C. for all leaders involved in Baptist Men/Brotherhood, Royal Ambassadors (RAs) and Challengers (boys in grades 7–12) will be held at Camp Truett, Hayesville, Thursday, Sept. 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

There is no cost for the meeting. For more information or registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

N.C. Baptists Give Hope to Hurting Humanity

To date, $35,000 was given to purchase "Corn for Croatia" and $31,000 given to purchase "Stoves for Bosnia". A Bible was given with each stove.
Thank you for your tremendous response to these requests, which will certainly give hope to hurting humanity in these countries!

1995 Baptist Men's Convention Is February 3–5 In Raleigh

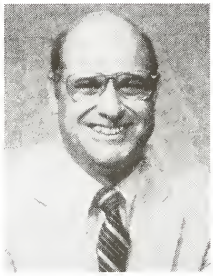
Anthony (Tony) Campolo, renowned author and popular speaker among Baptist groups, will be the keynote speaker at the 1995 North Carolina Baptist Men's Convention, Feb. 3–5, Forest Hills Church, Raleigh. Joining Campolo will be musicians Kyle and Susan Matthews of Nashville, Tenn.

The weekend meeting will open with the Friday evening session, Feb. 3, at the church and conclude with a breakfast on Sunday morning.

The meeting is open to all Baptist men and women, not just members of a church brotherhood organization. There will be special-interest conferences for women during the 3-day session.

A highlight of the 1995 meeting will be a "Gathering" breakfast on Saturday morning and mission action' conferences that afternoon. The annual meeting will follow the regular format of inspirational speakers in general sessions and small-group special-interest conferences related to Baptist Men's ministries.

(More details of the February meeting and a registration form will be included in the next issue of MEN ON MISSION.)



Tony Campolo

Kyle and Susan Matthews

GOAL & OBJECTIVES FOR NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help North Carolina churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities
- encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries
- educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities
- teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions
- lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.

Associational Brotherhood Workshops

All Brotherhood leadership in the following associations are invited to attend their training workshop. Contact your association for more details.

Pee Dee — Aug. 25
Mecklenburg — Aug. 29
Pilot Mountain — Sept. 12
Yates — Sept. 12
Flat River — Sept. 19
Liberty — Sept. 19
South Fork — Sept. 22
Randolph — Oct. 3
Columbus — Oct. 10
Caldwell — Oct. 24
South Yadkin — Oct. 25
Atlantic — Oct. 31

Baptist Men/WFU Day Will Be October 22

Wake Forest University and N.C. Baptist Men are sponsoring a special day for Baptist men and boys and their guests on the university's campus, Saturday, Oct. 22, concluding with the football game between WFU and Duke University later that afternoon.

The program on campus begins around 10:00 a.m. with the game scheduled for 1:00 p.m. in Grove Stadium. WFU is reserving 4,000 tickets for Baptist Men and their guests for the special emphasis.

Cost is only $10.50, which includes the program, box lunch and game ticket. There is also a $3 handling fee per order.

Tickets will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to the date of the game. There are no refunds.

For more information, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

1994 Dates.....North Carolina Baptist Men.....1995 Dates

July

1–10 HSBYM St Lucia Basketball Trip
3–9 Pioneer/HSBYM Georgia Mission Challenge
10–15 Sports in Ministry Missions Trip, Virginia
18–23 World Missions Week, Caswell
30–Aug. 7 Pioneer/HSBYM Colorado Mission Challenge

August

12–13 Church Brotherhood Leadership Training, Caraway Conference Center
19-20 Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway Conference Center

September

9–10 NCBM Board Meeting
16–17 Lad/Crusader Camporee, Caraway Campgrounds
16–18 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds
30–Oct. 2 Prayer Conference, Truett

October

7–8 Lad/Crusader RA Counselor Training, Caraway
8–9 Challengers Officer/Leader Training, Caraway
14–16 Prayer Conference, Caswell
21–23 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds
22 See WFU Day (vs Duke football game)

November

6–12 Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches

December

3 Resort & Recreation Training Conference
27 Challengers Overseas Missions Trip
31– Jan.1 New Year's Eve Exciting Alternative, Caswell

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January

14 Disaster Recovery Training
22 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

February

3–4 Medical Missions Conference
3–5 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention, Raleigh
24–26 Co-ed Youth Missions Conference

March

17–18 NCBM Board Meeting, Caraway Conference Center

April

8 Lad/Crusader Congresses, East, Central, & West
21–22 Disaster Relief Training, Caraway
21–23 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds

May

6 Correctional Ministry Conference
6 State Challengers Track Meet
26–28 "Children on the Grow"

June

11 Christian High Adventure begins
19 Caraway Summer Camp for boys opens

July

17–22 World Missions Week, Caswell

August

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18–19 Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway Conference Center

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7–8 Challengers Training/Sports Missions Expo, Caraway
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BAPTIST MEN OWNER'S MANUAL AVAILABLE

The Baptist Men *Owner's Manual* is designed to inform, inspire and involve. The *Owner's Manual* gives practical ideas on how to have an effective Baptist Men's program in your church. It is filled with stories about N.C. Baptist Men who are involved in a variety of missions projects. The *Owner's Manual* also provides 12 monthly Baptist Men's programs that will work. Each of these 12 programs is built around a special video segment that will be included on the MANDATE video.

MANDATE video magazine, produced by the Communication Services Division of the Baptist State Convention, is a monthly video program. MANDATE is mailed quarterly, and includes three monthly programs on each tape. Each issue of MANDATE includes stories on state missions as well as foreign and home missions.

The Baptist Men *Owner's Manual* will provide suggestions for a good Baptist Men's meeting including additional information and discussion questions to precede and follow the showing of the video segment.

The cost to subscribe to MANDATE is $20 per year (this is for all 4 video tapes). One copy of the *Owner's Manual* is included with each subscription to MANDATE. Additional copies of the *Owner's Manual* can be purchased for $4.00 per manual. Subscription information is attached. Order a copy for each of the men in your church.

Our goal is not to push programs; our goal is to involve men in missions. This video and *Owner's Manual* is a new and different method, but we believe that it will be an excellent way to inform, inspire and involve the men of your church in doing missions.

OWNER'S MANUAL ORDER FORM

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

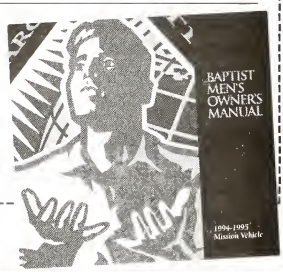
Day Phone _____/_____ Church/Association_____

Please send me _____ copies of the 1994-95 Owner's Manual at $4 each.

_____ I have included my check, payable to NCBM.

_____ Please bill me at the address above.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN, PO BOX 1107, CARY, NC 27512–1107



New Year's Eve Celebration To Be Held At Caswell

N.C. Baptist Men and N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell) are sponsoring a New Year's Eve Celebration, Dec. 30–Jan. 1 at the beach facility near Wilmington.

Worship leaders for the annual event will include Buddy Freeman, N.C. Baptist State Prayer Coordinator and Mary Mincey, soloist with the Dixie Jubilee, Myrtle Beach, S.C..

Lunch will be served from the Disaster Relief unit on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 31, followed by a missions and ministries fair.

Costs for the three-day event are as follows (per person): (1) $58.75 for 2 nights lodging (double occupancy) and 4 meals; (2) $12.75 for the Friday and Saturday program and New Year's breakfast; (3) $21.25 for the Friday and Saturday program, seafood buffet and New Year's breakfast; (4) $17.50 for the Friday and Saturday program, seafood buffet; or (5) $9 for the two night program with no meals.

For more information, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

Remember The Hungry In Your Community

For those of you non-agricultural folks out there, do you know the definition of a farm? Well, in case you do not know—a farm represents a piece of land that can make a man rich. All he has to do is get up early, work hard all day, go to bed late, AND STRIKE OIL

We have yet to strike oil, but we have struck it rich on the Ag Mission Demonstration Farm at Campbell University. Real hands-on missions is happening at the farm and lives are being touched. Just ask the hundreds of Campbell students who visited the farm as part of a course in environmental management. Our farm manager, Gene Hickman, shared something of third world agriculture and ag missions with those future lawyers, pharmacists, and business people. Even more importantly, Gene shared his testimony with those participating.

The *Farm Field Day* is an excellent way to learn about Ag Missions and to tour the farm. In case you were unable to make the Field Day on June 25 but would still like to visit the farm, just give Gene Hickman, Bobby Walls, or myself a call. We can be reached through the NCBM office in Cary at (800) 395-5102.

If your church or association is interested in an Ag Missions speaker, please let me know. We have several volunteers who are eager to share the Ag Missions vision with you

Don't forget those in your community who are hungry this summer. I have never lived in a community that did not have hungry people. Perhaps you can buy an extra can of vegetables each time you visit the grocery store and donate it to your local food bank. Perhaps you can plant an extra row in your garden and give the harvest to the hungry. Perhaps you can make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches once a month to take to the homeless shelter. Perhaps you can organize a gleaning project and give sweet potatoes or cabbages to the needy. Think about the things that YOU can do!

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MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSIONS

Medical/Dental Bus Visits Western N.C., Durham

The N.C. Baptist Medical/Dental Bus recently completed several successful weekend sessions, including visits to Franklin, Robbinsville and Bryson City, Apr. 17–18—in far western North Carolina—and work in the Durham area, May 7.

The bus spent two weeks in the four counties in western North Carolina, an area less served with health and dental care than many other parts of the state. The bus was also stationed at First Church, Durham where three dentists worked to see 40 patients on one Saturday in the inner-city area. There was one known profession of faith made during the Durham visit.

Frank Starnes, N.C. Baptist Men's volunteer medical/dental worker, was the driver and host of the two projects.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

The Family: God's Original Missions Institution

Familes Making a Difference

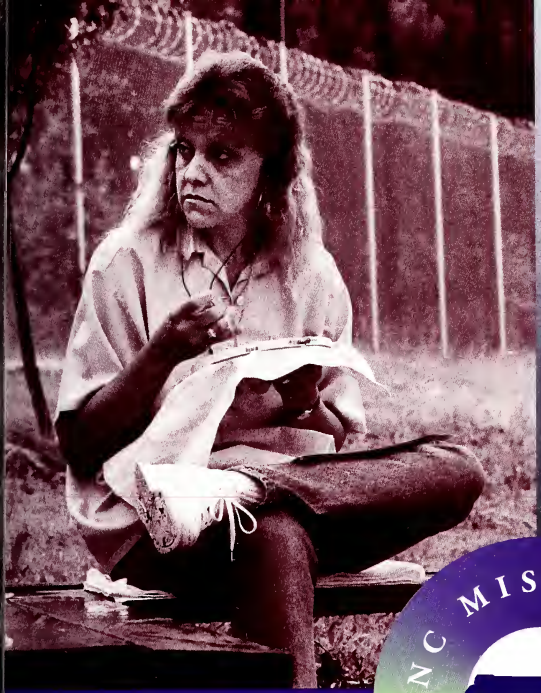
Before God instituted the church, before God instituted missionary-sending organizations, God instituted the family—God's original missions institution.

Families Making a Difference is a whole new concept in helping families take part in missions right in their own neighborhood and around the world.

The *Families Making a Difference* handbook contains 100 ways families can make a difference for Christ by doing missions together. The book also contains sections on why it is important to involve your family in missions. It identifies essential keys for family missions involvement as well as strategies for how to begin.

The family has virtually unlimited missions potential. Everyone may not have the opportunity to serve or be part of an organized missions effort. But everyone is a member of some type of family. *Families Making a Difference* can help families in your church put this enormous potential to work.

To order, call the SBC Brotherhood Commission, (800) 727-6466. This is also available through the Baptist Book Stores.



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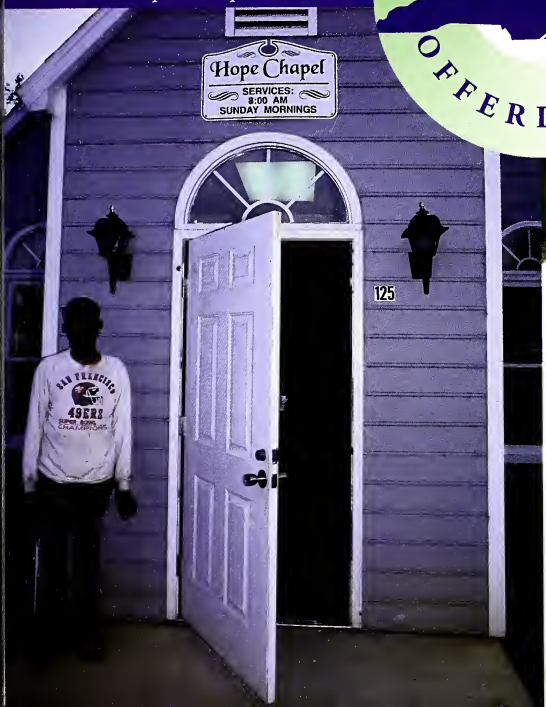

They Just Need A Friend

Peace does not come easily for Mickie Chandler. An inmate at Raleigh Correctional Center for Women (RCCW), she is often judged, always watched, and never, ever alone.

But a North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union retreat for long-term prisoners at RCCW gave Chandler a chance to experience acceptance, trust, and solitude in the beautiful atmosphere of Camp Mundo Vista in Asheboro.

"It was heaven!" Chandler says. "It was like being away with family and friends. And it was just peaceful."

WMU has long been involved in prison ministry. Volunteers distribute Christmas gifts to prisoners, lead Bible studies in prisons, and work with inmates as they reenter society.

In the mid-1970s, WMU began sponsoring yearly retreats to give honor grade prisoners a chance to have a positive experience away from the correctional facilities. A large part of the funding for the retreats comes from the North Carolina Missions Offering.

The retreats include time for Bible study, worship, and prayer, as well as for recreation and crafts. Most importantly, though, there is time for fellowship, time for the inmates to let go of the toughness that helps them survive in prison and talk to Christian women who really care.

"They're God-given, they really are," Chandler says of the volunteers. "They don't come in looking or judging. They come in treating us as people. They treat us as if we were one of their children."

Volunteers rely on the grace of God to overcome their prejudices and love the inmates unconditionally. When volunteer Fran Carpenter of Raleigh was first asked to help

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LEFT *Unable to find peace or solitude at Raleigh Correctional Center for Women, Mickie Chandler finds a respite in music and needlework.* TOP *As Chandler and her sponsor, Fran Carpenter, leave for an afternoon outing, the restrictive environment of the prison stands in stark contrast with the* ABOVE *bright, friendly garden center where they shop for a houseplant.*

with a retreat, she didn't think she could do it. But, despite her fears, God was able to use her. Carpenter has gone to every retreat since the first one she attended five years ago, and she also sponsors individual prisoners through RCCW's Community Services Volunteers program.

"Serving in this ministry has been a life-changing experience for me," Carpenter says. "I think for the first time in my life I've been able to see people for what they're worth the way that Jesus Christ sees them."

Even though most women in prison have committed crimes and are receiving their due punishment, they still need to know the love of God that looks beyond their sins and heals their souls. It's a kind of love that can be difficult to give.

"Always in the past it's been hard for me to love the unlovely," Carpenter says. "I think it's true of any ministry that we're only able to minister as we allow Jesus Christ to come into our life and use His power to meet the needs of these people. It was hard for me at first because I didn't think it was a place I could serve Him, but He's the one doing it."

Carpenter believes that prisoners desperately need to know that someone cares about them. "Some of (the women) have been in prison so long—8, 10, 15 years. They need someone to talk to. Many times their families have neglected them, have drawn away from them because of the stigma of being in prison, and they've just forgotten them. They just need a friend."

Carpenter is a friend. She and others like her are a constant demonstration of God's grace as they reach out to women in prison, earning the right to share their faith by first sharing their love.

Jennifer Norton Talley

A Place Called Hope

Charlotte's Uptown Shelter/George Shinn Center meets the physical needs of hundreds of homeless men each month. The shelter provides the men with hot meals, a place to shower and sleep, treatment for drug and alcohol problems, job placement assistance, clothing, and medical and dental care. The shelter also provides a loving atmosphere that fosters the emotional health of the residents as they take steps toward self-sufficiency.

But, because the shelter is partially funded by the federal government, it cannot provide for the men's spiritual needs. That's why Hope Chapel exists. The small church, which is sponsored by United Association, stands a few hundred feet away from the shelter, beckoning to residents who want to worship God together.

Every Sunday morning, 40-45 men attend worship at Hope Chapel. Bobby Curtis of Park Road Church awaits their arrival with a smile and a fresh pot of coffee. Men begin drifting in as early as 7:15, even though the service does not begin until 8:00. The men wait quietly and patiently, thumbing through Bibles or chatting with each other and with Curtis until the singing begins.

Attenders often request favorite hymns. Pianist Linda Katsaduros of St. John's Church is happy to oblige them. Many of the men were active in other churches before circumstances brought them here, a step away from the streets. As they sing such standbys as "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," it becomes

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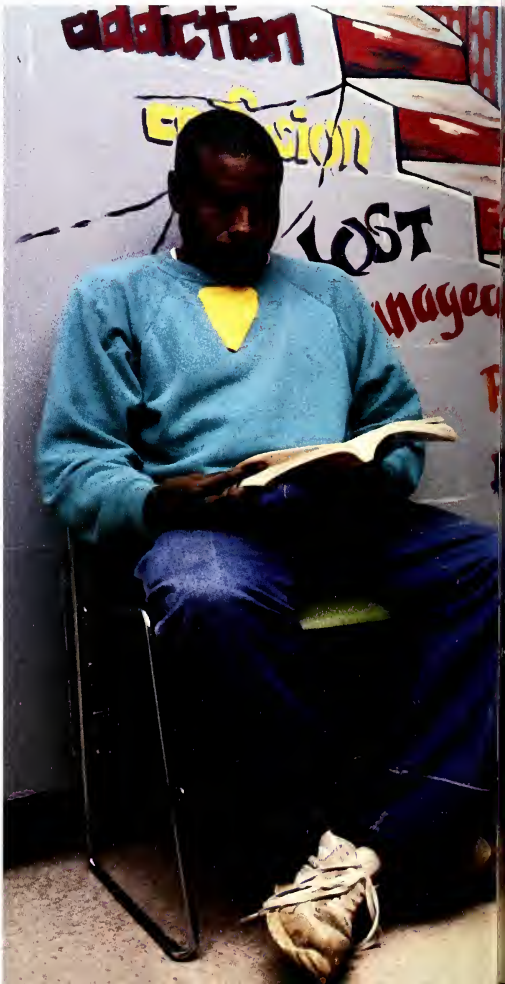

RIGHT *A homeless man waits for a meal at Charlotte's Uptown Shelter.* TOP *Shelter residents walk the short path from the shelter to Hope Chapel.* ABOVE *Inside, the men find spiritual nourishment as Frank Snodgrass of Wedgewood Church leads them in worship.*

clear that these men are no different than the men who sing these same hymns in other churches across the state. They come to the chapel to worship a God who loves them as they are, rich or poor, clean or dirty, drunk or sober.

"I look forward to this all week," says one man who has been to the chapel several times. Other men say they appreciate the chapel because it is designed specifically for homeless people and because it is so close to the shelter.

The volunteers who lead the services enjoy them as much as the homeless men do. Four men take turns giving the messages, which are based on Sunday School material.

Volunteer Frank Snodgrass of Wedgewood Church has been involved in ministry to the shelter residents for several years, since before the chapel was built. He finds the work benefits him as much as it does the homeless men. "I think it helps me put my life in perspective," he says. But he is quick to emphasize that's not the only thing that keeps him coming back. "The main thing is that God says this is what we're supposed to do. And sometimes it's not comfortable, and sometimes it's not convenient, but we still have to do it," he says

Volunteer Charles Adams, also of Wedgewood church, has been through some hard times in his own life. Adams says he would not be involved in church, and certainly not in ministry, if others had not so persistently loved and ministered to him. That's why he is so happy to be involved with Hope Chapel. "God sent a lot of people reaching out to me, and I feel that I need to go out and do what He did for me," he says.

Hope Chapel is partially funded by the North Carolina Missions Offering. These funds enable United Association volunteers to reach out and share a word of hope with those who need it most. And sharing hope is what North Carolina missions is all about. *Jennifer Norton Talley*

On The Road To Healing

Fueled with North Carolina Missions Offering dollars, North Carolina Baptist Men's Medical-Dental Bus reaches out to communities all across the state. Busing in medicine along with a dose of Christian love, volunteers spread the healing message of the gospel to those with physical as well as spiritual needs.

Using the vehicle of medicine as an inroad, Baptist Men minister in migrant camps, the inner city, homeless shelters, battered women's shelters, elderly communities and rural schools. Last summer the bus even reached the far corners of the earth by ministering to a group of children from Ukraine visiting North Carolina for six weeks to escape the effects of radiation left from the accident at Chernobyl.

Frank Starnes from Wendell is the driver of the bus. "There are so many people out there walking around hurting and don't have access to, or cannot afford health care," he says. "This is a way to reach them." Besides driving to each location, Starnes helps the dentist on site by cleaning and storing instruments.

The 40-foot bus contains a physician's examining room

Children whose parents cannot afford regular medical or dental care are treated on Baptist Men's Medical-Dental Bus. Hopefully, they and their parents will find spiritual as well as physical healing.

at the front, a waiting room in the middle and dental area in the rear. The waiting room contains a tonometer for diagnosing glaucoma, an autoclave machine for sterilizing dental instruments, and religious and medical tracts.

Volunteer health care professionals and lay volunteers from each community to which the bus travels provide state-of-the-art care to people who otherwise would be unable to afford it.

On board, dentists X-ray teeth, perform extractions, and fill cavities. Doctors examine ear infections, broken toes, and everything in between.

"The use of the bus has grown quite a bit," says Starnes. Last year the bus was used for ministry 78 times and in 1994 is already booked for 90 sites.

Any North Carolina association can request the Medical-Dental Bus. Each association is responsible for finding volunteers and selecting the location. Also, the association pays for materials used in the bus while in their area. The estimated cost of materials is $150–$200, depending on how many patients are served. Additionally, the association pays mileage to and from the site.

The Medical-Dental Bus provides a service to those in need and a way for volunteers to use their health care talents without going overseas. Though the need for medical volunteers is tremendous across the ocean, many doctors realize that hurts just as great loom beyond their waiting room doors.

Dr. Janice Daugherty, assistant professor in the department of family medicine at ECU, is in the South Roanoke Association and attends The Memorial Church in Greenville. She has volunteered her services in the past when the bus came to her area. "Since I am in medicine, I feel God wants me to do this," she says. "I want to share my talents and serve the unserved population. I feel we are to look after those less fortunate."

When the bus arrives in a community, volunteers register the patients and share their faith while the patients wait to see the doctor or dentist.

Dr. Ron Halbrooks, an internist at Durham Medical Center and president of Baptist Men's Medical-Dental Fellowship, recently cared for patients at First Church in Durham, in the heart of downtown. The bus is at First Church the first Saturday of each month. "The inception of the bus was for it to be a conduit for doctors and lay persons to give health care to people who have fallen through the cracks," he says. He hopes the bus gives doctors and dentists a vision of how to minister through health care and meet needs while presenting the gospel. "The reason I spend time away from my family and my practice is I have a heart to do it," he says. "I worked in indigent clinics during my residency and I worked in Ethiopia for a while."

Volunteers are not limited to Baptist church members. Many times denominational lines are crossed. But always the intention is the same — to provide medical care for those who cannot afford it, and to do so in Jesus' name.

All photos and story: Deborah Aronson-Griffin

Where Your Gifts Go

88 percent of WMU's program budget comes from the North Carolina Missions Offering. Prison ministry, support for missionaries and their children, and Camp Mundo Vista are just a few of the programs that are made possible by this offering.

56 percent of N.C. Baptist Men's (Brotherhood) program budget comes from the North Carolina Missions Offering. The Disaster Relief Van, the Medical-Dental Bus, and agricultural missions projects—all are heavily dependent on this special offering.

The annual North Carolina Missions Offering provides essential support for a variety of missions and ministries in the state. It is not merely an "extra" budget item; when we fail to reach our goal, programs go unfunded. This means there are fewer student summer missionaries, for example, or fewer trips for the Disaster Relief Van. If we continue to fall short of the missions offering goal, many state Baptist ministries—ones churches have grown to depend upon—could eventually cease to exist.

47 percent of the Missions Division's program budget comes from the North Carolina Missions Offering. Almost two-thirds of the support for Language Missions comes from the offering. The Church Extension Department, which promotes and supports new churches and new ministries, gets half of its budget from the offering.

44 percent of the Youth and Campus Ministries Division's program budget comes from the North Carolina Missions Offering. This year's special offering is earmarked for international students, summer mission programs and special projects at UNC Wilmington and Greensboro.

A promotional packet for the North Carolina Missions Offering (Sept. 11-18) will be mailed to churches (to the pastor's attention) around the first of August. If your church does not receive a packet, contact the Baptist State Convention at 800-395-5102 or 919-467-5100.

Where Are God's Laborers?

For several days, I have been trying to write this article and after much prayer and discarding many pages, I am sharing what God seems to be saying to me:

Where are you, my people? Why did you miss opportunities to share about my work through renewal? Coordinators, are you doing all you can? Are you giving a tenth of your time promoting the renewal journey? Team members, friends of renewal, and pastors—are you doing all you can to promote this ministry? There are people out there who will lose their only chance for salvation if you do not do what you are called to do. Very few weekends go by without someone being saved. However, that is only the tip of the iceberg. Only God knows how many are eventually reached through the ones who discovered their gifts and began to use them in the lifestyle of evangelism and ministry.

Maurice Cook, our NCBM president, is a prime example of what a man can do with a Christian witness. He literally opened up the country of Poland to Baptist Men through his work with agriculture. I first met this dear brother and his wife through lay renewal.

Following this article is a letter from a pastor expressing his views about a lay renewal weekend in his church. We receive many such letters.

Will you help me to help God get renewal in His churches? Just have your pastor or church leaders call (800) 395-5102 and ask for the Baptist Men's office or call me at the number below. We will see that you get prompt attention.

Please pray for me, for renewal, for our leaders both state and national. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

Cameron Norris
State Lay Renewal Coordinator
3471 Bassett Street, SW
Shallotte, NC 28459
(919) 754-4839

Pastor Recommends Lay Renewal

I want to thank you for your participation in our Lay Renewal Weekend. It's hard for me to put into words what this weekend did for our church. The Sunday evening service was the climax of a truly beautiful experience with the Lord. The service lasted two and one-half hours, and the people stood around the altar and prayed and hugged and cried for another hour. People were still in our parking lot talking when I finally left at 10:00 p.m. I have been pastoring over 25 years, and this weekend had to be one of the highest points in my ministry, not just for the church but in my own personal life. The entire weekend was one I shall long remember.

As we began preparing for Lay Renewal Weekend I was somewhat skeptical that this was just another "canned" program that had been put together as a means to restore the vitality of dying churches, but as the process unfolded and I saw the strong emphasis on prayer, I became more and more impressed. Then when I met the team members and witnessed the commitment they had to prayer and the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their own lives, I was convinced that God was in charge and that He would be glorified. I was not disappointed.

I just met this afternoon with our Spiritual Growth Committee to evaluate the weekend, and they all shared the same sentiments, not only about the impact it had on the church but on their own personal lives. They are ready to begin the small group sessions now. My only problem is to try to control their enthusiasm and make sure we do not move too hurriedly before working out all the details.

May God bless you as you continue in His service. This is truly a ministry of the Lord. My prayer for you is that He will continue to work through you to restore the vitality of God's people and to glorify His name.

Rev. Carl K. Garner, Pastor
Braggtown Baptist Church
Durham, NC

Baptist Men And Spouses' Prayer Retreats Scheduled

Two regional prayer retreats for Baptist Men and their spouses are scheduled for this fall: one at Camp Truett, Hayesville, Sept. 30–Oct. 2 and another at N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell), Oct. 14–16.

Each weekend retreat will feature prayer and worship services, Sunday School lesson and prayer seminars. There will be free time on Saturday afternoon at each retreat.

Cost of the Truett retreat is $50 and Caswell retreat is $60. Each location will offer two nights lodging (double occupancy) and five meals. (Make reservations directly with Camp Truett, Rt. 5 Box 660, Hayesville, NC 28904; (704) 389–8828 for the Sept. 30–Oct. 2 retreat. For the Caswell retreat, make reservations with the N.C. Baptist Men's office in Cary.) There will be a $5 program fee due at time of the retreat.

For more information or to register for the Caswell retreat, see the appropriate item on the back page.

Korean, Hispanic, Chinese Mission Projects Scheduled

Sometimes in dealing with the activity of current and upcoming projects, we forget a most important thing—to say thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who have acted as regional and project coordinators, construction workers, support people, and those who have been in prayer for homeland projects. Thank you because the work of each of you has made homeland projects successful. Please continue your personal role and invite others to join our fellowship.

Korean First — Raleigh

The project is now dried in and bricked. HELP!!!! We need skilled people for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and rough-in work. If you need to get excited about a project, come and see how hard this congregation is working. Contact David Williams on-site coordinator at (919) 596–9610, or Bill Poindexter, Region 4 Homeland Projects Coordinator at (919) 542–3819.

Hispanic Mission, Kernersville

The church has a strong ministry among the Hispanic area residents with a clinic in the building. Construction is on schedule, needing skilled people:

June 27–July 23	Interior walls & ceiling
July 25–Aug. 13	HVAC, millwork, painting, & flooring
July 25–Aug. 13	Electrical & plumbing, finish
Aug. 15–20	Facility check-out

Contact Larry Doyle, pastor at (910) 282–2480 or Ernest Shuskey Region 5 Homeland Projects Coordinator at (910) 882–2955.

Hispanic Mission — Clinton

This church, designed to seat 160, will have 5500 square feet. The walls and truss are up. This work would make a good summer mission weekend project- it is volunteer friendly. Contact Donald Starling, on-site coordinator at (910) 592–3377.

Charlotte Chinese Baptist Church

There is a mass project planned for July, with most of construction July 2–9.

This church will have 5700 square feet. We have a special request for skilled sheet rock workers. There is a RV hookup on-site, as well as lunch and supper meals.

Hearts and Hammers of Independence Hill Baptist Church, Huntersville is taking a leadership role. Contact Alton Stewart on-site coordinator, (704) 875–1251; or Paul Gordon Region 6 Homeland Projects Coordinator, (910) 576–2431.

Caswell

The N.C. Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell needs volunteers of various skills for several work projects. If you are interested in volunteering, contact David Lloyd, assistant director at Caswell, (910) 278–9501.

Flat River Hispanic Mission

Flat River Baptist Association, Oxford is constructing a 90' x 50' building. Now needing help with rough-in, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and interior walls. Contact Jack Berry, on-site coordinator at (919) 693–4065.

Carmel Baptist Church, Salisbury

This 50-member, two-year old congregation building in a developing residential area is a project of the Rowan Baptist Association. The building will be about 6200 square feet, with the project building to run June 13-September 17 and framing to begin June 13. HELP!!!! There is a special need for workers skilled in sheet rock for the first 2 weeks in August. Contact Rev. Roby Linebarger, on-site coordinator (704) 633–5359 or J. C. Eagle (704) 279–3889, volunteer coordinator.

Florida

There are still many needs in the south Miami area. "I CARE" is the interfaith coalition for the Andrew Recovery effort. During the first week of December, a NC Baptist Men's team visited "I CARE" to view its operation and insure its creditability. "I CARE" currently has 480 building permits in hand and can get plenty more. They have a large supply of building materials and an impressive complex for feeding and housing volunteers. The only charge is $20 per week for all lodging and meals for volunteers to stay at their volunteer complex. Their greatest need is for volunteers. This would make an excellent summer project for adult/youth teams with many opportunities for sharing in the community of the work sites. If you are interested, call "I CARE", (800) 637–5790 or (305) 251–3112.

New York Partnership

For a current list of construction needs, call Linda Hicks at the Baptist Building, (800) 395–5102. There are still many, many needs.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Volunteers Needed For Ukraine Partnership

In Ukraine, one of the independent states of the former Soviet Union, God's church is alive and well. According to Dr. Komendant, president of the Ukrainian Baptist Union, there are nearly 1300 churches in Ukraine, but less than 100 church buildings. There are also many Ukrainian Christian men and women who are ready and willing to take the Gospel to the more than 50 million people who live in Ukraine. However, these men and women need to be equipped to minister before going out.

What can you do to help? You can become a volunteer through the NC/Ukraine Partnership. We have committed to help with the construction of church buildings and to assist them in the renovation of a building that will be used as a seminary or spiritual development center.

Even though teams are leaving the United States almost every Saturday, several dates remain open for which no volunteers have signed up to go. If you are willing to learn more about how God might use you in this exciting mission project, please contact N.C. Baptist Men for more information. It may be that you would like for someone to come to your church and/or association to share about his/her mission experience in Ukraine. We can provide you with the names of volunteersn who would be willing to come and share what God is doing in the Ukraine and how the experience has impacted their life.

You may contact the Partnership Coordinator's office or N.C. Baptist Men for more details. The toll free number is (800) 395–5102 or locally (919) 467–5100.

The following dates are open:

July 9-23 — Seminary
July 30-Aug. 13 — Volochish Church
Aug. 13-27 — Lvov Church
Aug. 20-Sept. — Seminary
Aug. 27-Sept. 10 — Kurenyovka Church
Sept. 10-24 — Sumi Church
Sept. 17-Oct. 1 — Seminary
Sept. 24-Oct. 8 —Radivileev Church
Oct. 1-15 — Seminary
Oct. 8-22 — Berezno Church
Oct. 15-29 — Seminary
Oct. 22-Nov. 5 — Gvozdiv Church
Oct. 29-Nov. 12 — Seminary
Nov. 5-19 — Chernigov Church

LAY REVIVALS

Lay Witnessing Foundation to meet August 19–20

The annual meeting of the Baptist Lay Witnessing Foundation will be held the weekend of Aug. 19–20, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, beginning with registration at 4:30 p.m. and concluding with lunch the following day.

Any man, woman or youth interested in witnessing and discipleship training, improving prayer life, or other areas of spiritual development is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Les Roberts, director of missions with the Apache Baptist Association in Arizona will be the conference leader. Music will be provided by Ron Wilder and Debbie Pitts of Raleigh.

There will be four interest groups on Saturday morning on: discipleship, led by Ed Lowder, pastor, Prospect Church, Albemarle; Here's Hope revivals, led by Steve Moore, Sandy Creek Church, Pittsboro; Bible study and prayer life, led by Joe Lennon, lay revival coordinator, Wake Forest; and personal witnessing, led by Milton Hollifield, director of evangelism, Baptist State Convention, Cary.

Cost is $33 per person based on double occupancy.

For more information, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

RESORT & RECREATION

Resort/Leisure Ministries Conference Set December 3

Laypeople and pastors in resort settings, or anyone involved in resort/leisure ministries is invited to attend a one-day conference in Winston-Salem, Dec. 3 (exact location to be announced later).

The Saturday meeting, sponsored cooperatively with the Baptist State Convention Missions Division, will include several small "how to" groups on different types of resort ministries, from work in county fairs and campgrounds to horse shows.

The meeting will begin around 9:30 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Cost will be $10 (includes program and lunch). A $5 non-refundable deposit is required for registration.

For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

EZRA — A New Method Of Doing RAs

Have you ever heard someone say "We tried RAs at our church, but it just didn't work?" Chances are what they meant was "We tried RAs at our church, but didn't have enough boys participate." or "We couldn't get our men involved in leadership roles." Hopefully, some of that is about to change.

EZRA (Easy RAs) is an innovative and simplified method of conducting Lad and Crusader programs in your church. "Method" is the key word here. EZRA is not a new program, its a new way of doing Royal Ambassadors. As such, it is simply an option. "Traditional" RAs will continue as it always has.

So why would a church opt for this new method? Several reasons: EZRA is a *simpler program.* It involves a three part meeting plan, consisting of Mission Games and Activities, Self-Study Missions Advancement, and Missions Focus times. EZRA also involves *shared leadership.* Instead of a director, counselor, and committee approach, only three positions are required to have a successful Royal Ambassador program. Ideally, one leader plans and leads the Missions Games and Activities time, one is responsible for the Missions Advancement time, and one does the Missions Focus segment. This shared leadership approach not only makes planning easier, it may also make it easier to recruit leaders, since they will be responsible for only one part of the program each week.

Adaptable administration is another plus of the EZRA method. There are three main options: 1) churches with few children and leaders may choose to group all children together for the missions experience. Adult leaders would rotate during their assigned time. 2) children may be grouped into Lad and Crusader groups for separate Missions Advancement and Missions Focus times. The Missions Games and Activities is shared by both groups. This option may be used with coed groups with the boys using RA materials and the girls' materials from WMU. 3) children may be put into three groups. They would rotate between three rooms—one for each part of the meeting.

Several new resources have been designed as aids to this new method. The EZRA *Motivational System* instantly rewards children who are discovering the joys of studying missions with fun and colorful awards, using a system of stamps, shields, and passports. A *Missions Squares Game Pack* utilizes four colorful bean bags and an idea/instruction booklet, giving leaders a simple, inexpensive, and effective way to plan active missions learning. *Bible Memory Medals* encourage children to memorize the scriptures over a one-year period. New *RA Craft Kits* provide fun-to-make, pre-packaged crafts which are easy to do. Each kit contains all essential parts. The RA *Membership Pin* has been brought back by popular demand. Finally, RA *Sailboats* and RA *Line gliders* are new ideas which put a new twist on the RA Racer concept.

The RA *Planbook*, RA *Leadership* magazine, and Lad and Crusader magazines, are still a vital part of the EZRA method. The Pioneer section in RA *Leadership* will be replaced by an EZRA curriculum beginning this fall. RA advancement books will still be used with the EZRA method.

The new Brotherhood Catalog for 1994-1995 includes an EZRA section from which all needed materials can be ordered.

RA Week Is November 6–12

RA Week is an excellent opportunity for churches to highlight their Royal Ambassador programs, recognizing their boys and thanking their counselors.

Several resources are available from the Brotherhood Commission to help you make the most of this special week. The Royal Ambassadors Promotion Packet makes planning, publicizing and conducting RA Week easy. The new 1994-95 Planbook also is a good resource for guiding you through the steps to a successful RA Week.

Promotional materials include the RA Bulletin Cover and RA Bulletin Insert for use during the RA recognition service. These provide church members with basic information about the RA program.

Recognition is an important part of RA Week. The RA Bible is an ideal recognition for both boys and their counselors. RA certificates of appreciation may also be given to those who aid your RA program.

Plan now for an active and successful RA Week in your church!

Space Still Available For 1994 Summer Camping Program At Caraway

The 32nd summer of boys' camp is underway at Camp Caraway in Asheboro. Camp dates for this summer are July 11–16; July 18–23; and July 25–30. There are still spaces available for each of these weeks, but they are filling fast.

The goal of Camp Caraway is to show each camper that he is a uniquely special individual because he was created by God and is loved by God. Therefore, each boy has something to offer.

Caraway's well-trained staff works with each boy to help him discover the limitless potential he has through Christ. Spiritual growth through Bible study, mission study, and devotions is combined with fun and challenging activities, such as canoeing, archery, air rifles, rappelling, and basketball, to show each camper that the Christian lifestyle is lived out 24 hours a day.

The key to Camp Caraway's summer program lies in the ability to hire an outstanding staff that genuinely cares for each camper. These 25 dedicated young men work hard, believing that every camper deserves a counselor who cares for them just as Christ does.

The cost for a week at Camp Caraway is $90, which includes room, meals, accident insurance, program, and staff supervision. The fee also includes a Caraway T-shirt for each boy. Each boy will need a modest amount of money for crafts, mission offering, snacks, and other Caraway items; $25 should be plenty.

For more information and an application, check the appropriate item on the back page. For specific questions concerning the summer program, call Mark Abernathy at Baptist Men, (800) 395–5102.

Camp spaces are still available for the weeks of July 11–16; July 18–23 and July 25–30.

Adult Campcraft Training Is October 21–23

Adult Campcraft training for Royal Ambassador counselors and High School Baptist Young Men advisors will be held Oct. 21–23 at Camp Caraway. This training will equip leaders to teach and lead successful, safe, and meaningful camping experiences.

Three levels of instruction are provided: Basic, Advanced, and Instructor, which will involve learning and teaching 12 camping skill areas. The cost is $35 per person. All participants must provide their own tent and sleeping bag. Sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

To register, complete the form on the back page of this issue.

ANGEL TREE®
A Ministry of Prison Fellowship

Camp Angel Tree To Be Held This Summer

Prison Fellowship and North Carolina Baptist Men will conduct Camp Angel Tree, July 31–Aug. 5, Camp Caraway, Asheboro, for 120 boys, ages 9 to 13, who have a parent in prison.

Help us stop the cycle of crime by helping to introduce these kids to Jesus Christ at Camp Angel Tree.

Cost per child will be $90. Please complete the form below, along with your check payable to Prison Fellowship, and send to PO Box 6279, High Point, NC 27262.

Camp Angel Tree Sponsor Form

Mail check to Prison Fellowship, PO Box 6279, High Point, NC 27262

- ❑ I would like to help sponsor a child at Camp Angel Tree.
- ❑ My church would like to help with the Angel Tree Project next Christmas.
- ❑ I would like someone to come to my church and tell us more about Angel Tree and Prison Fellowship.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ Church _____

Lad Father/Son Mini-Camps to Be Held at Caraway

Once again this summer, Baptist Men will sponsor Father/Son Mini-Camps July 4–6 and 7–9 for boys ages 6–8 and their fathers, grandfathers, or other adult male.

These exciting mini-camps provide boys the chance to enjoy Camp Caraway at an early age without the fear of being away from family. While the staff of Camp Caraway leads the activities, the program for the mini-camp is designed to provide one-on-one time between fathers and sons in Bible Study, mission study, and worship. Archery, air riflery, canoeing, swimming, and a host of other fun activities are also enjoyed during mini-camp sessions. There must be at least one adult per three boys who attend camp.

The cost for the mini-camp is $42 per person and includes a Camp Caraway T-shirt. There is still space available in both sessions, but they are filling up quickly. For more information and an application, check the appropriate item on the back page.

RA T-shirt To Feature New Logo

The new North Carolina Royal Ambassador T-shirts are now available. This ash-colored shirt features the new Royal Ambassador logo prominently on the front, along with the Royal Ambassador Motto and the words "North Carolina."

The cost for the shirt is $5.00 plus an additional charge of $2.00 per order for shipping.

The RA shirt is available in Youth 14-16; Adult Small; Adult Medium; Adult Large; and Adult X-Large sizes.

To order check the appropriate item on the back page.

What's New for 1994–95?

In addition to the new EZRA method and new RA logo, there are other changes in the RA program for this year. The RA *Membership Pin* is back by popular demand. Any boy or counselor entering the Lad or Crusader programs can earn this pin by memorizing the Royal Ambassador Pledge. The new *RA Counselor Pin and Certificate* provides a way to recognize and identify volunteer leaders for their training achievement.

The *Missions Squares Game Pack* include four colorful bean bags and an idea/instruction booklet designed to give leaders a simple, inexpensive, and effective way to plan active missions learning. New *RA Craft Kits* provide fun-to-make, pre-packaged crafts which are easy to do. RA *Sailboats* and RA *Line gliders* are ideas which put a new twist on the RA Racer concept.

RA Advancement books (Lad 1,2,&3 and Page, Squire, Knight) have been revised for 1994. Bible Memory Medals may be awarded to boys and counselors who memorize certain amounts of scripture over a one-year period.

These and other new items are listed in the 1994–95 Brotherhood catalog.

New Age Groupings and Logos Available

Beginning in the fall of 1994, boys in Pioneer Royal Ambassadors will join with High School Baptist Young Men in a new missions education program called "Challengers" (see related story). The Royal Ambassador program will remain for boys in grades 1–6 only. Royal Ambassadors will still be divided into Lads (grades 1–3) and Crusaders (grades 4–6).

With this change in age groupings came a need for a new Royal Ambassador logo, since the old logo incorporates symbols representing the Pioneer age group. (See new logo above or on p. 12.) This new logo will appear on all RA materials beginning this fall.

The Challengers program will also have its own logo starting in the fall.

1st Cary Is HSBYM Unit of the Year

The 1994 HSBYM (High School Baptist Young Men)Unit of the Year is from First Church, Cary in the Raleigh Association. Their HSBYM unit has been active in unit meetings, interest and mission action projects. All of these activities were recorded in a notebook and submitted to the NC Baptist Men's office. Next year, with the start of the new Challengers program, a new set of guidelines will be established for Unit of the Year. Congratulations to all the HSBYM and their leaders from First Church, Cary.

Space Still Available in 1994 For N.C. Christian High Adventure

The 17th year of Christian High Adventure (CHA) is underway this summer at Camp Caraway. CHA offers an exciting and challenging Christian experience in backpacking in the rugged and scenic Appalachian Mountains. Backpacking skills such as trail procedures, clothing and equipment selection, trip planning, cooking, first aid, campsite selection, map and compass reading, and more are taught by a trained and dedicated staff. One day of the week is spent rock climbing and rappelling. A strong emphasis is put on conservation and being a good steward of God's creation.

There are still spaces available in four of the nine weeks this summer. These weeks are for young men aged 14 1/2 and up. The weeks with spaces available are: June 19–24; July 3–8; July 24–29; and August 7–12. The cost for a CHA trip is $105 per person, which includes food and all equipment except boots and clothing.

For an application or more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

State-wide Lad/Crusader Camporee Set September 16–17 At Camp Caraway

Boys in grades 1–6, along with one adult sponsor per three boys, are encouraged to attend the Lad/Crusader Camporee, Camp Caraway, Asheboro, Sept. 16–17, beginning with a Friday night bonfire and concluding by 4:00 p.m. the next day.
Groups will arrive between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Friday to register and set up camp. Each group must bring their own food and camping equipment.
The Friday-Saturday event will provide an opportunity for boys to camp out, work on campcraft advancements and participate in other related activities.
Cost is only $3 per person, which includes campground fee, program fee and ribbons.
Registration is not refundable after Sept. 1 (deadline for registration is Sept. 8).
For more information, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

Puerto Rico Is Destination of 1994 HSBYM (Challengers) Christmas Trip

Again this year, N.C. Baptist Men will sponsor an overseas mission trip for young men ages 16–18. The trip will be to the Puerto Rico, St. Thomas area of the Caribbean. The dates are December 26–January 2. The cost of this year's trip will be $850 per person. This will include airfare, food, lodging, and insurance. Ten young men will be able to participate on this trip. Applications are being accepted now. To obtain an application, call N.C .Baptist Men, (800) 395–5102 or check the appropriate item on the back page..

Lad/Crusader, Challengers Counselor To Train In Oct.

EZRA (Easy RAs), a new and simplified approach to provide an RA Lad/Crusader program for your church, and the new Challengers program will be featured at two meetings to be held the weekend of Oct. 7–9 at Camp Caraway, Asheboro.

The new EZRA approach will be the main focus of the Lad/Crusader training session, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and concluding by noon the following day.

The Challengers training conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. Saturday and conclude by noon the next day. The meeting will also include sessions on planning mission projects and other interest activities.

Challengers is the new program replacing Pioneers/High School Baptist Young Men (HSBYM).

The cost for the Lad/Crusader or the Challengers meeting is $23 per person. The cost for both sessions is $40.

For more information or registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

NC Missions Offering Special Emphasis and Week of Prayer is Sept. 11–18, 1994

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Summer 1994, For additional information and registration, check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to:North Carolina Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, N.C. 27512-1107

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- ❑ Church Brotherhood Leadership Conference, Aug. 12–13, Caraway Conference Center (Cost: $35/person, includes double occupancy and three meals) *Registration deadline is July 22.*
  #_____ persons @ $35 = Total $_____

- ❑ Training Workshop in Western N.C., Sept. 8, Camp Truett
  (No cost) #_____ persons attending

Baptist Men/Spouses Prayer Retreats,

- ❑ Sept. 30–Oct. 2, Camp Truett, Hayesville (Cost $50, includes two nights lodging and five meals.) *Make reservations directly with Camp Truett, Rt. 5, Box 660, Hayesville, NC 28904*
- ❑ Oct. 14–16, N.C. Baptist Assembly (Cost $60, includes two nights lodging and five meals.)

#_____ persons @ $60 = Total $_____

Adult Campcraft Training Schedule, Camp Caraway, (Cost: $35/person — *All participants must provide their own tent and sleeping bag.*)

- ❑ Oct. 21–23 #_____ persons @ $35 = Total $_____

Name_____

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